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Press Report on the Protest against Repression of Students in Myanmar held in front of the Myanmar Embassy in Colombo.

Inter University Students' Federation held a protest against the repression of students in Myanmar in front of the Myanmar Embassy in Colombo and demanded the release of more than 100 students jailed after clashes between the police and the students on 10th March.

Myanmar students' movement has been protesting against the new National Education Law which they claim violates academic freedom and brings higher educational institutions under a centralized government control. On 10th March clashes erupted between the police and students when the police attacked students who were peacefully participating in a protest march.

Convener of the Inter University Students' Federation Najith Indika spoke at a meeting held in front of the Myanmar embassy after handing over a letter to an official from the Myanmar Embassy. He said that IUSF stands in solidarity with Myanmar students who were arrested. He demanded the release of all students and other activists who are under arrest and tortured in Myanmar.

Najith Indika also drew a comparison between the struggles in Myanmar and the rest of the world for education and the prevailing struggle in Sri Lanka which he pointed out are being repressed by the respective states be it Myanmar or Sri Lanka. He stressed the importance of a united struggle for education and extended solidarity and comradeship well wishes to the global struggle for free education and the students and activists held in prison.

The statement handed over the Myanmar embassy is attached with this mail along with photos taken at the protest.

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